

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently amended) A packaging apparatus comprising:

a card and an outer package for receiving the card, the card comprising an ~~interference stop comprising an interference~~ a plurality of blisters, and the outer package having an open end and an opposed sealed end, the outer package comprising a first and second flaps each having a free end configured to extend into the outer package to ~~contact~~ engage at least one of the interference stop blisters to releasably lock the card in the outer package, wherein the first flap is hingedly connected to the open end of the outer package along a first fold and extends toward the second flap, and the second flap is hingedly connected to the outer package along a second fold that is separate and spaced from the first fold, the second flap extending toward the sealed end.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34~~50~~, wherein the at least one interference blister is hollow and holds no product.

37- 42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently amended) A blister and package apparatus comprising:

a blister card ~~inserted for sliding~~ into an outer package ~~for sliding movement~~, the blister card having an interference stop associated therewith, ~~the blister card having one or more cavities formed therein, a position of the interference stop being defined by a chosen cavity in the blister card,~~ the interference stop comprising ~~at least one of an interference blister and a slotted and raised portion of the blister card;~~

the outer package comprising one or more pieces of sheet material folded for creating an enclosure for holding the blister card, the outer package having a sealed end and an opposed open end, and

a ~~each~~ locking flap attached hingedly connected to the outer package along a fold line that is disposed at a distance from each of the sealed and open ends of the outer package,

wherein the interference stop and the ~~each~~ locking flap together comprise an ~~interference~~ a locking mechanism for preventing complete separation of holding the blister card ~~and~~ inside the outer package.

44 - 49. (Canceled)

50. (New) The packaging apparatus of claim 34, wherein the card is connected to the outer package for sliding movement between a fully inserted position and an outwardly extended position, the blisters include at least one interference blister that is disposed closer to the sealed end than the other blisters, the first flap is held above the other blisters when the card is not in the outwardly extended position.

51. (New) The packaging apparatus of claim 50, wherein the card has a blank space where there is no blister, the blank space being defined between the at least one interference blister and the other blasters.

52. (New) The packaging apparatus of claim 51, wherein the first flap is disposed at the blank space to prevent complete separation of the card and the outer package when the card is in the outwardly extended position.

53. (New) The packaging apparatus of claim 51, wherein the second flap is disposed at the blank space to hold the card inside the outer packager when the card is in the fully inserted position.

54. (New) The packaging apparatus of claim 50, wherein the other blisters are disposed at a spacing, and the first flap has a length that is greater than the spacing.

55. (New) The packaging apparatus of claim 50, wherein the outer package comprises a plurality of panels, one of the panels being disposed over the blisters when the card is in the fully inserted position, each of the first and second flaps is hingedly connected to the one of the panels.

56. (New) The packaging apparatus of claim 55, wherein the each of the first and second flaps is connected to the one of the panels for movement between an engaging position where the free end of the each flap is spaced apart from the one of the panels and a disengaged position where the free end of the each flap is disposed adjacent to the one of the panels .

57. (New) The packaging apparatus of claim 34, wherein the outer package further comprises an adhered panel connected to the outer package, and the second flap is hingedly connected to the adhered panel along a fold.

58. (New) The packaging apparatus of claim 57, wherein the outer package further comprises a lever which is an extension of the second flap, the lever extends from the second flap beyond the fold, and the lever is formed from the adhered panel.

59. (New) The packaging apparatus of claim 34, wherein the second fold is located between the first fold and the sealed end.

60. (New) The blister and package apparatus of claim 43, wherein the fold line is disposed between the sealed and open ends of the outer package.

61. (New) The blister and package apparatus of claim 43, wherein the outer package comprises primary panels, one of the primary panels is disposed over the interference stop to cover the raised portion of the blister card.

62. (New) The blister and package apparatus of claim 61, wherein outer package further comprises an adhered panel adhered to an inside surface of the one of the primary panels, the locking flap is hingedly connected to the adhered panel along the fold line.

63. (New) A blister and package system comprising:

- an outer package including opposed front and back panels and having a sealed end and an opposed open end,

- a blister card inserted into the outer package for sliding movement, the blister card having blisters that are entirely covered by one of the front and back panels when the blister card is fully inserted into the outer package,

- a locking mechanism for holding the blister card inside the outer package, the locking mechanism comprising a locking flap connected to the outer package along a fold and at least one of the blisters configured to engage the locking flap,

- wherein the locking flap is disposed between the front and back panels, and the fold of the locking flap is disposed at a position spaced from each of the open and sealed ends of the outer package.

64. (New) The blister and package system of claim 63, wherein the outer package further includes an adhered panel connected to the outer package, and the locking flap is hingedly connected to the adhered panel along the fold.

65. (New) The blister and package system of claim 64, wherein the outer package further includes a lever which is an extension of the locking flap, the lever extends from the locking flap beyond the fold, and the lever is formed from the adhered panel.

66. (New) The blister and package system of claim 64, wherein the outer package further includes an internal panel that is secured to the one of the front and back panels, and the adhered panel is secured to the internal panel.